

REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed on September 15, 2005, the Examiner restricted the pending claims between two groups. Specifically, the Examiner restricted the claims as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-14 as being drawn to a reel classified in class 242, subclass 322.4; and

Group II: Claims 15, 16, and 22 as being drawn to a tap drive system, classified in class 242, subclass 332.4.

Restriction Requirement mailed September 15, 2005, p. 2. Additionally, if Group I were to be elected, the Examiner required election between the following:

1. FIGS. 1-6; and
2. Tab and notch structure (claim 5; not shown);
3. Magnetic components (claim 8; not shown); and
4. . Track portion (claim 13; not shown).

See id. at p. 3.

Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-14. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-14, in view of FIGS 1-6 of the present application, are appropriate for prosecution in this application. Indeed, the Examiner concedes that independent claims 1, 9, 15, and 22—which are all of the then pending independent claims—are generic. *See id.*

In view of the foregoing, Applicants have, by this Response, cancelled claims 15, 16, and 22 without prejudice. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1-14 will remain pending. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

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Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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